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1. Text processing apparatus comprising:
 - a first text editing unit having a screen upon which text may be displayed, and
 - 5 a first manual actuator by means of which a user is able to interact with text displayed on the first screen;
 - a second text editing unit having a second screen upon which text may be displayed, and a second manual actuator by means of which a user is able to interact with text displayed on the second screen; wherein
 - 10 the first and second actuators are independently operable, and enable interaction with text displayed on respective screens independently of each other; and
 - the first and second text editing units are connected to each other to enable text to be imported from one unit directly to another unit, thereby to enable text selected from a first document displayed on one unit to be inserted directly at a predetermined
 - 15 location in a document displayed on the other unit.
2. A text processing apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the first and second text editing units each have a graphical user interface, and interaction with text displayed on a screen is possible by using a manual actuator to interact with a visual element of the user interface on a screen.
- 20 3. A text processing system according to claim 1 wherein the visual element is either an item from a pull-down menu or an icon.
- 25 4. A text processing system according to claim 1 wherein the first text editing unit is a computer running a word processing program.
5. A text processing system according to claim 4 wherein the first and second text editing units are in a client-server relationship respectively.
- 30 6. A text processing system according to claim 5 wherein the second text editing unit includes a battery, is portable and comprises at least one processor and at least one memory to enable running of a word processing program compatible with the word processing program running on the personal-type computer.

7. A text processing system according to claim 6 wherein the word processing program of the second text editing unit is a simplified version of the word processing program running on the computer, and is adapted to run only when the first and second text editing units are disconnected, and the client-server relationship is broken.

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8. A text processing system according to claim 2 wherein the manual actuator of at least one of the editing units is selected from the group consisting of a touch-sensitive screen and a mouse.

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9. A text processing system according to claim 1 wherein the connection between the two editing units is selected from the group consisting of a direct cable connection; wireless Bluetooth connection; and wireless Ethernet connection.